

California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, March 3, 2022
9:00 AM PST

Day 1 (Thursday): Locally breezy winds will develop across the southern California mountains and foothills into the evening and overnight. A brief period of elevated fire weather conditions is possible for the afternoon and evening across inland southern California, while precipitation gradually arrives for areas closer to the coast into tonight.

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CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

03/03/22 - 03/09/22

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds	Inland/ Southern	All Regions	Inland/ Southern				
Snow		Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern				
Coastal Flooding							
River Flooding							
Thunderstorms (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)		Inland/ Southern					
Fire Weather (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)	Southern						
Heat Risk							
Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding/ Debris Flow							
Cold		Inland	Inland	Inland	Inland	Inland	



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



Moderate Impacts



Severe Impacts

WEATHER KEY POINTS

03/03/22 - 03/09/22

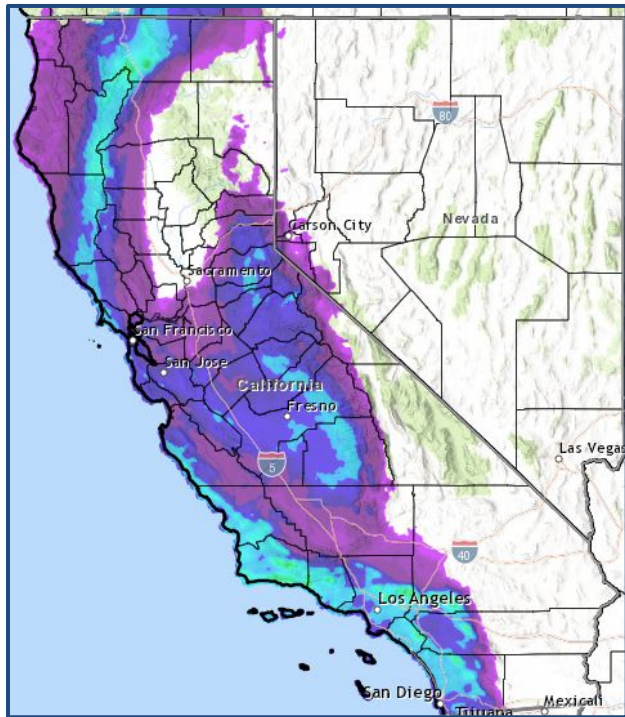
Thursday - Wednesday

- A notably cooler weather pattern will develop starting Thursday and continuing through early next week
- Wetter weather will also return to many areas of the state through Saturday, spreading from far northwest California today over the remainder of the state later Thursday night and Friday before tapering off Saturday night
 - Generally light to locally moderate precipitation amounts are forecast for valley locations but more widespread moderate precipitation is expected for mountain areas through Friday
 - A few thunderstorms are possible for inland and southern areas on Friday, with brief periods of heavier rainfall possible
 - Periods of gusty winds are also likely across the state Thursday through Saturday, with gusts of 35 to locally 50 mph, highest in the mountains
 - Gusty winds across the southern California mountains on Thursday, combined with low humidity, could lead to a brief window of elevated fire weather conditions before precipitation arrives Thursday night
 - Accumulating snow is expected in the mountains, including the Sierra as well as across the southern mountains, with the heaviest snowfall currently expected later Friday into Saturday. Snow levels will fall to around 4,000 to 5,000 feet by later Friday and Saturday.
 - Moderate to heavy snowfall in the Southern Coast range, highest in the Los Angeles County Mountains could lead to road closures from slippery, icy, and snow covered roads or tree falls due to heavy and wet accumulating snow.
- Drier weather is expected for most areas Sunday and into the middle of next week, though some lighter snow showers could linger across the Sierra on Sunday

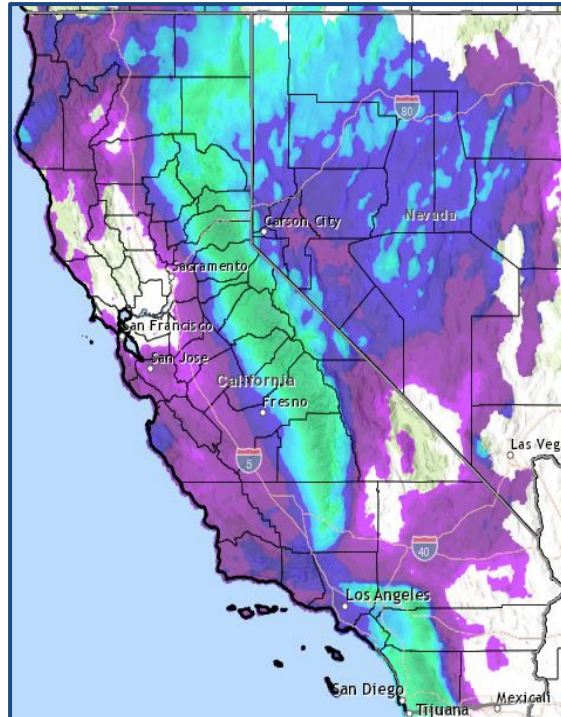


PRECIPITATION FORECAST

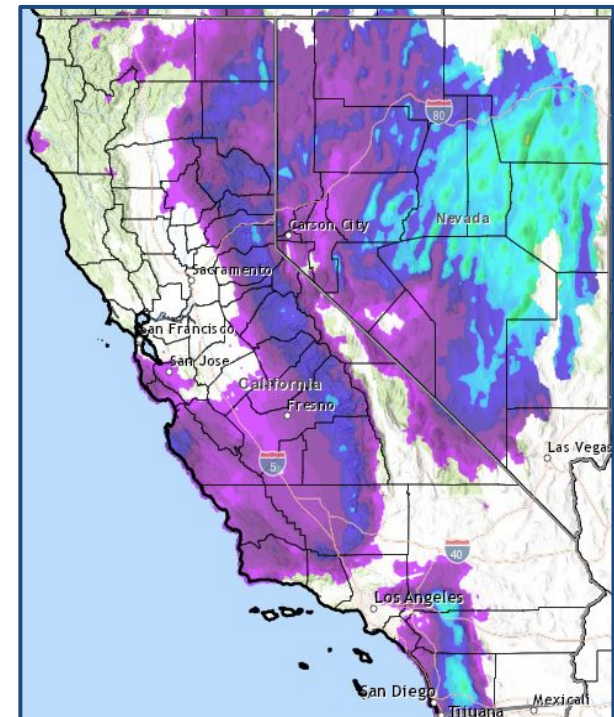
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Thursday



Friday



Saturday

Note: Forecast precipitation amounts are an average for any particular location. Thunderstorms may produce locally higher rainfall amounts.

Precipitation (inches)



WEATHER OUTLOOK

03/08/22 - 03/16/22

6-10 Day Outlook (March 8 - March 12)

Temperatures

- Below normal temperatures are favored statewide

Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation is favored statewide

8-14 Day Outlook (March 10 – March 16)

Temperatures

- Near normal temperatures are favored statewide

Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation is favored across much of the state, with near normal precipitation favored across far northern California.



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